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SUBJECT: CODEL HUMPHREY/SCOTT

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CODEL HUMPHREY/SCOTT APRIL 2-3
VISIT TO BONN FOLLOW.

2. SACEUR GENERAL ALEXANDER HAIG BRIEFED THE CODEL FOR
ONE-AND-ONE-HALF HOURS, INCLUDING Q & A, ON VARIOUS
POLITICAL-MILITARY ISSUES FACING NATO. GENERAL HAIG
STRESSED THE NEED TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN THE
COHESION OF THE ALLIANCE IN THE FACE OF NEW CHALLENGES
AND PROBLEMS NOT ONLY IN THE DIRECTLY MILITARY SPHERE,
BUT IN THE BROAD INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND
ECONOMIC SPECTRUM. GENERAL HAIG DEALT IN SOME DETAIL
WITH THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE U.S. CUTOFF OF MILITARY
AID TO TURKEY. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION OF
THIS PART OF GENERAL HAIG'S PRESENTATION.

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3. FOLLOWING GENERAL HAIG'S PRESENTATION, AMBASSADOR

HILLENBRAND BRIEFED THE CODEL ON THE GERMAN SITUATION, BOTH INTERNAL AND CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. THE AMBASSADOR STRESSED THE FRG'S POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE IN THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY FIELDS, AS WELL AS THE HIGH LEVEL OF BILATERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE FRG, PARTICULARLY IN THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AREA.

4. FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER RECEIVED THE CODEL FOR ONE-AND-ONE-QUARTER HOURS OF DISCUSSION IN WHICH HE EMPHASIZED GERMAN CONCERNS REGARDING THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE SOUTHERN FLANK (GENSCHER WAS CLEARLY PRE-OCCUPIED WITH THESE SUBJECTS ON THE EVE OF HIS APRIL 3-4 VISIT TO MADRID). THE MEETING WITH THE CODEL WAS FOLLOWED BY A LUNCH GIVEN BY GENSCHER WHICH WENT ON WELL INTO THE AFTERNOON. IN ALL, THE CODEL SPENT OVER THREE HOURS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER.

5. FOLLOWING THE GENSCHER LUNCH, THE CODEL THEN JOINED CODEL SCHWEIKER FOR A PROGRAM LAID ON BY THE FRG DEFENSE MINISTRY. FRG DEFENSE MINISTER LEBER HAD CUT SHORT HIS VACATION TO RETURN TO BRIEF THE CODELS PERSONALLY--A FACT WHICH THEY MUCH APPRECIATED. RANKING GERMAN MILITARY OFFICERS ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE DEFENSE MINISTRY BRIEFING. FOLLOWING THE BRIEFINGS (WHICH LASTED OVER TWO HOURS), LEBER GAVE A RECEPTION/ BUFFET FOR THE TWO CODELS JOINTLY.

6. COMMENT: DESPITE THE BREVITY OF THE CODEL HUMPHREY/ SCOTT VISIT, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT ACCOMPLISHED A PARTICULARLY USEFUL PURPOSE IN GIVING THE CODEL AN INSIGHT INTO CURRENT HIGH-LEVEL GERMAN THINKING ON A WIDE RANGE OF INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.
HILLENBRAND

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